

East Ardsley United Cricket Club

Newsletter – March 2006

Welcome to the East Ardsley Cricket Club Spring Newsletter.

The aim of this newsletter is to tell you about our plans for the Club over the next year or so and to let you know about some of the changes which are taking place. We hope you enjoy reading it.

A New President and a New Committee

At the AGM held in October last year, some big changes were made to the structure of the Committee. The most important change being that each Committee member now has their own area of responsibility within the overall management of the Club. This will enable us to move forward and allow the Club as a whole to keep pace with progress on the pitch. We are a Premiership Club competing at the highest standard in our league, and many of our facilities need improving to reflect this. The organisation of events and fundraising has also become a struggle. It is with this in mind that the Committee has been restructured, and we are confident that this year, real progress can be made to improve the Club for players and supporters alike.

We are also delighted to announce that we have appointed a new Club President, Walter Grimes. Walter, who owns the Carl Stuart chain of Gents Outfitters, which is based in Ossett, was brought up in the village and played cricket for East Ardsley in the 1960s. It is good to have someone with Walter's business experience to help us move forward and his previous links with the Club (and village) make him the ideal person for the role. Business commitments in his Ossett shop mean that Walter is busy on Saturday afternoons but he is hoping to see some good cricket when business ends and he can get away.



Walter Grimes
Club President

Whilst welcoming Walter back to the Club, we also say a huge thank you to outgoing President Peter Hudson who has put so much effort in to helping guide and run the Club over the past 10 years. Like Walter, Peter is Ardsley born and bred and had previous links with the Club. With a good business background, he was a guiding hand to the Committee when he joined, bringing a sense of caution to our ambitious plans for development. Peter's health has not been good lately but he is still able to get around the village and we look forward to him visiting us when he can.

The new Committee is:

President

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Cricket Secretary

Junior Representative

Bar Manager

Walter Grimes

Michael Pearson

Julian Smith

Pete Davies

Dave Hofmann

Alastair Cooper

John Flynn

Ladies Secretary

Social Secretary

Clubhouse Maintenance

Ground Maintenance

Coaching

Fundraising

Communications/PR

Mel McTernan

Graham Daniels

Gary Kinder

vacant

Peter Langley

Helen Jennings

Andy Langley

Please feel free to contact any member of the Committee if you have suggestions or concerns about how the Club is run. We would also welcome volunteers to help in any of the areas listed above.

Setting Out Our Objectives – M.D.Pearson (Chairman)

The Club has made a lot of progress over the last 5 or 6 years, both on and off the field, and thanks must go to the Committee and helpers who have put in the time and effort to enable this to happen. We can be proud of our achievements and are now looking forward to our 3rd season competing in the Premier division of the Central Yorkshire League. Our primary aim is to consolidate our position in this division as it gives the players the opportunity to play local league cricket at a high standard and to compete against top quality overseas players.

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Being in the Premier division also enhances the reputation of the Club.

We are proud that our successes on the field have been achieved without spending large amounts of money on players, which is unique for a club playing at this level. Whilst we want to play at the highest level we want to do it by developing our own players, attracting others and building a good team spirit. This is a strength of the Club, and one which we will continue to foster.

The future of the Club however, is through our juniors, and we also want to increase the number of junior teams, and encourage younger players to join the Club and enjoy the game. Spectators also deserve to watch top quality cricket in pleasant surroundings. Our aim is to achieve this through providing excellent amenities where people enjoy their visit and want to return. Improving our facilities is a fundamental part of our vision for the future.

There are many tasks involved in running a cricket club, especially one that wants to progress, be successful and give the village a community cricket club to be proud of. We recognise that there are areas where we need to strengthen and the restructured Committee has risen to the challenge. Over the 4 months since the AGM a lot of work has been put in behind the scenes in many areas. Some of the things planned to date are:

- Junior coaching on Friday evenings for youngsters from 6 years old.
- Grant applications for improvements to the showers, kitchen and gents toilets, as well as repairs to the changing room roof and fitting of security shutters to the building.
- A drive to get most of the senior matches sponsored (£50 per match or £25 for a match ball). Please contact Helen Jennings (01924 362841) if you or your employer is willing to sponsor a match/ball.
- A full social events calendar (see below).
- 'Clubmark' accreditation, which will give us good status and access to ECB funding for further development.
- 8th/9th April is 'NatWest Cricketforce' weekend and we have signed up for this scheme. We want to make several improvements around the ground - please join us on either day if you can. See below for details.

Please support us in any ways that you are able and help to make the Club one that we can all be proud of.

Lottery Bingo Fever Hits Ardsley Members

Have you signed up for Lottery Bingo yet? It's as cheap as playing the lottery each week and you've got much more chance of winning. Granted, the winnings aren't as big, but already 3 lucky winners have scooped substantial cash prizes. In December, Colin Haigh won £54 and in January, Danny McIernan and Lucy Smith shared the pot of £108 between them. All you have to do is chose 6 numbers and if yours are the first to be drawn in the National Lottery Saturday draw (usually after a few weeks!), you win the pot. This is a great fundraiser for the Club and fun to play too. Join by filling in an application form (available to download on the website www.eaucc.co.uk, or from Mick Pearson 07725 609418). Go on, have a go. You won't regret it!



Lucy Smith with her winnings.

Major Changes to 1st XI

As many of you will know, we have lost several players from the first team squad including the captain and vice captain. However, it is with pleasure that we introduce Andy Langley as our first team captain for the 2006 season. Andy has lived in East Ardsley for several years and has played for the 1st XI for 6 years. We wish him all the best in continuing, and building on, last year's success. We are also pleased to announce that we will be welcoming the following players to the Club this season: Tom Smith (from Morley CC), Tom Marsden (Crigglestone CC) and Christian Musgrave (Kexborough CC). Discussions are still ongoing with one or two other prospective players, and we will update you when there is any news.

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Second XI Hope To Continue Good Work

Julian Smith will continue in the role of second team captain and aims to carry on where he left off last year, when we finished as the second highest second team of any club in the Central Yorkshire League. Even with the changes within the first team, the second team is expected to remain very similar to last year's side. We are looking forward to seeing the development of the junior players who did so well last year, namely Adam Hofmann and Anthony Glover. This year should also see Ashley Pearson playing more often, and the arrival from the junior section, of Mark Davies.

Sunday Team News

The Sunday team enter their third season within the Wakefield Sunday League and will again be captained by Danny McTernan. Danny has done a great job in making sure that everyone gets an opportunity to be involved and that we fulfil our aim of introducing talented junior players to senior cricket.

Sponsorship

EAUCC is actively seeking sponsorship for the coming season. We are looking for sponsorship for everything ranging from the weekly raffle, every match and/or match ball to an overall Club sponsor. It is hoped that we can find a sponsor for clothing for the senior and junior teams, and in this way help to unite the Club's image. The sponsor's logo will also be displayed at the Club entrance, around the ground and on the EAUCC website. Match day sponsors will see their name/logo displayed on game advertisements around the village and within the Clubhouse on match day. Anyone interested in offering sponsorship should contact Helen Jennings on 01924 362841.



Cricketforce - HELP NEEDED!!

Could you be the next Alan Titchmarsh or Charlie Dimmock?

The Club has decided to enrol for this ECB sponsored scheme, the idea of which is to have a get together at the Club over the weekend of the 8th and 9th April and carry out work to the ground and clubhouse. We aim to get as many volunteers as possible to help with work such as painting the clubhouse, mending fences and seating etc. If anyone knows of any business that may be willing to

help and gain some good publicity along the way then please contact us, as all help is most welcome. Also, if you know someone that works for Natwest, please let them know about our involvement in the scheme as this can help us gain some financial backing. To volunteer, contact Julian Smith on 07779 700840 or email secretary@eauce.co.uk.

Junior Section

As part of the restructuring at the Club, we are pleased to have added Peter Langley to the team of qualified coaches. Peter Langley will be overseeing the coaching within the Club, while Peter Haslam will continue his role as Child Welfare Officer. This season we are actively seeking funding to allow 4 senior players to undergo coaching award courses, which will put us in a strong position compared with other clubs. We will again be running Under 13, 15 and 17 teams. The Committee understands the need to get local children involved in the Club at an early age and with this in mind, we hope to organise Friday night fun cricket evenings for 6 to 10 year olds. These evenings will provide an introduction to the game and coaching for younger children. The longer term aim is to introduce an under 11 side to the Club next year. Please look for notices or contact Peter Langley (0113 2783163) if you want more information.

Clubmark Scheme



As part of EAUCC's new focus on developing cricket, the Club has applied for Clubmark status. This is a scheme organised by Sports For All and sponsored by the ECB. It is a way of proving that the Club is a safe place for juniors to come and learn in the right manner about the game of cricket. It

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also gives the Club a greater scope when applying for funding. As part of the scheme the Club must make partnership arrangements with local schools and organisations. If anyone knows of any organisation or school that would benefit from this type of arrangement then please let Andy Langley (07799 435788) or Alistair Cooper (01924 870260) know.

Social Events

We will be holding a number of exciting social events throughout the year. Here's the list so far, so that you can note them in your diary now! Please support the Club by attending our social events. They play a vital role in building a strong Club with a positive atmosphere.

Sat 8 th April	Sports Quiz & Curry Night
Fri 28 th April	Pre Season Disco (all ages)
Sat 13 th May	FA Cup Final Day. Play Your Cards Right from 8pm
Sat 27 th May	General Knowledge Quiz
Sat 10 th June	World Cup - England vs Paraguay 3pm
Thurs 15 th June	World Cup - England vs Trinidad & Tobago 6pm
Sat 17 th June	Bingo & Barbecue
Tues 20 th June	World Cup - England vs Sweden 9pm
Sat 1 st July	80s Night - Fancy Dress
Tues 4 th July	World Cup - Semi Final
Wed 5 th July	World Cup - Semi Final
Sun 9 th July	World Cup - Final
Sat 15 th July	Music Quiz
Sat 29 th July	Juniors Disco/Karaoke
Sat 12 th August	Barbecue & Disco
Sat 2 nd September	Mixed Quiz
Sat 16 th September	End of Season Disco/Karaoke
<i>England World cup games will be followed through depending on how far they get!</i>	

Communication:

We expect that this newsletter will be the first of many issued over the course of the year. The Committee would like to make sure everyone is aware of the changes and news within the Club. We feel that the newsletter is a very important tool to get the message across.

We are also looking to make more use of our website www.eaucc.co.uk. Anyone accessing the website recently will see that the forum has been reset and we encourage anyone who has a comment, to make use of the forum. During the cricket season all senior team selection will be posted on there.

Subscription Reminder

Players - please remember that your subscriptions are urgently required

Non-Playing Membership rates for 2006 are:

Adults: **£10**

Couples: **£15**

OAPs: **£5**

Player's Partner: **£5**

Under 18s: **Free**

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